Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.　　(Currently amended)　A method of confirming proper receipt of e-mail, said method comprising the steps of:

　　　　obtaining an e-mail file which is intended by a sending party for transmission to a target e-mail address associated with a target party;

　　　　electronically transmitting the e-mail file from a first computer connected to a communications network ~~and associated with the sending party~~;

　　　　delivering the e-mail file to a recipient e-mail address which is associated with a second computer connected to the communications network;

　　　　detecting ~~a designated~~ an access event ~~triggered by an accessing party and~~ generally associated with e-mail retrieval from the recipient e-mail address;

　　　　upon a detection of the ~~designated~~ access event ~~automatically~~ executing the steps of:

　　　　　　~~providing notice of the delivered e-mail file to the accessing party,~~

　　　　　　discovering recipient data ~~generally~~ associated with the recipient e-mail address,

　　　　　　generating a confirmation of receipt notice containing the discovered recipient data, and

　　　　　　electronically transmitting the confirmation of receipt notice ~~from the second computer~~ to a return e-mail address associated with the sending party ~~, and~~

　　　　　　~~comparing~~ for allowing a comparison of the discovered recipient data contained in the confirmation of receipt notice with intended delivery information associated with the target party ~~, whereby the sending party may~~ in order to determine whether the e-mail file was ~~properly~~ delivered to the intended recipient.

2.　　(Original)　The method as in claim 1,

　　　　　　wherein the discovering step includes retrieving from the second computer a pre-recorded recipient data file containing pre-recorded recipient data.

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1 3. (Currently amended) The method as in claim 1,

2 further comprising the ~~steps~~ step of: obtaining accessing party identity information

3 from the accessing party as a requisite condition for permitting access to the recipient e-

4 mail address ~~, and recording the accessing party identity information to an accessing party~~

5 ~~data file for resident storage in the second computer~~, and

6 wherein the discovering step includes retrieving the ~~accessing party data file from~~

7 ~~the second computer~~ accessing party identity information, and wherein the generating

8 step includes such accessing party identity information within the recipient data contained

9 in the confirmation of receipt notice ~~, and the step of comparing the discovered recipient~~

10 ~~data includes determining whether the accessing party identity information is equivalent~~

11 ~~to or different from the intended target party, whereby the sending party may determine~~

12 ~~whether the accessing party triggering the access event was in fact the intended target~~

13 ~~party~~.

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15 4. (Currently amended) The method as in claim 1,

16 further comprising the steps of: obtaining accessing party identity information

17 from the accessing party as a requisite condition for operating a ~~remote user~~ computer,

18 said ~~remote user~~ computer ~~connected to the second computer via the communications~~

19 ~~network and~~ being operable by the accessing party to gain ~~remote~~ access to the recipient

20 e-mail address ~~, and recording the accessing party identity information to an accessing~~

21 ~~party data file for resident storage in the remote user computer~~, and

22 wherein the discovering step includes retrieving the ~~accessing party data file from~~

23 ~~the remote user computer~~ accessing party identity information ~~, and the step of comparing~~

24 ~~the discovered recipient data includes determining whether the accessing party identity~~

25 ~~information is equivalent to or different from the intended target party, whereby the~~

26 ~~sending party may determine whether the accessing party triggering the access event was~~

27 ~~in fact the intended target party~~.

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1   5.   (Currently amended)   The method as in claim 1,

2   wherein the discovering step includes electronically tapping a remote connection

3   between the second computer and a remote user computer ~~which is~~ operable by the

4   accessing party to gain remote access to the recipient e-mail address ~~via the~~

5   ~~communications network, for obtaining remote access information associated with the~~

6   ~~remote connection between the second computer and the remote user computer.~~

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8   6.   (Original)   The method as in claim 1,

9   further comprising the step of:

10   transmitting and delivering to the recipient e-mail address an executable

11   attachment file in conjunction with the e-mail file, the executable attachment file having a

12   first module for discovering the recipient data, a second module for generating the

13   confirmation of receipt notice, and a third module for electronically transmitting

14   the confirmation of receipt notice,

15   and upon the detection of the designated access event, automatically executing the

16   first, second, and third modules of the executable attachment file.

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18   7.   (Currently amended)   The method as in claim 6,

19   wherein the executable attachment file has <u>a</u> fourth ~~and fifth modules~~ <u>module</u> transmitted

20   and delivered therewith, the fourth module for detecting the designated access event,

21   ~~and the fifth module for providing notice of the delivered e-mail file to the accessing party,~~ and

22   further comprising the ~~steps~~ <u>step</u> of:

23   automatically executing the fourth module upon delivery of the attachment file to the

24   recipient e-mail address, ~~and~~

25   ~~upon the detection of the designated access event, automatically executing the   fifth~~

26   ~~module of the executable attachment file.~~

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1 8. (Original) The method as in claim 1,

2   further comprising the step of determining, upon delivery of the e-mail file to the

3 recipient e-mail address, whether the delivered e-mail file is of at least one designated

4 file-type requiring a confirmation of receipt notice, and

5   wherein the detecting step occurs upon a determination that the delivered e-mail

6 file is of the at least one designated file-type.

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15 16. Canceled.

16 17. (Currently amended) A system for confirming proper receipt of e-mail transmitted over

17 a communications network, said system comprising:

18   an e-mail file which is intended by a sending party for electronic transmission to

19 a target e-mail address associated with a target party;

20   a first computer connected to the communications network and from which the

21 sending party may electronically transmit the e-mail file;

22   a ~~second~~ recipient computer connected to the communications network ~~and~~

23 ~~associated with a recipient e-mail address~~, the ~~second~~ recipient computer having a data

24 storage location for storably receiving the e-mail file ~~thereon upon delivery to the~~

25 ~~recipient e-mail address~~;

26   first executable software means for detecting a designated access event ~~which is~~

27 ~~triggered by an accessing party and which is~~ generally associated with e-mail retrieval

28 from the recipient e-mail address;

          second executable software means ~~for providing notice of the delivered e-mail file~~

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1   ~~to the accessing party;~~

2   ~~third executable software means~~ for discovering recipient data associated with the

3   recipient e-mail address;

4   ~~fourth~~ <u>third</u> executable software means for generating a confirmation of receipt

5   notice containing the <u>discovered</u> recipient data; and

6   ~~fifth~~ <u>fourth</u> executable software means for electronically transmitting the

7   confirmation of receipt notice from the second computer to a return e-mail address

8   associated with the sending party,

9   wherein the second, third, <u>and</u> fourth~~, and fifth~~ executable software means are

10   configured for automatic execution upon detection of the designated access event by the

11   first executable software means,

12   whereby ~~a comparative examination of~~ <u>data contained in</u> the confirmation of

13   receipt notice <u>may be compared</u> ~~by the sending party permits the sending party~~ <u>to the</u>

14   <u>delivery information associated with the target party</u> to determine whether the e-mail file

15   was ~~properly~~ delivered <u>to the intended recipient</u>.

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17   18.   (Currently amended) The system as in claim 17,

18   further comprising a pre-recorded recipient data file resident in the ~~second~~

19   <u>recipient</u> computer and containing the recipient data, and

20   wherein the ~~third~~ <u>second</u> executable software means for discovering operates to

21   retrieve the pre-recorded recipient data file from the ~~second~~ <u>recipient</u> computer.

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23   19.   (Currently amended) The system as in claim 17,

24   further comprising a remote user computer which is remotely connected to the

25   ~~second~~ <u>recipient</u> computer ~~via the communications network~~ and from which the accessing

26   party may gain remote access to the recipient e-mail address~~, and~~

27   ~~wherein the third executable software means operates to discover remote access~~

28   ~~information associated with the remote access of the recipient e-mail address from the~~

~~remote user computer.~~

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1 20. (Currently amended) The system as in claim ~~19~~ 17,

2   further comprising accessing party identifier means resident on the ~~second~~

3 recipient   computer for obtaining accessing party identification information from the

4 accessing party as a requisite condition for permitting access to the recipient e-mail

5 ~~address, said   accessing party identifier means subsequently recording the~~

6 ~~accessing party   identity information to an accessing party data file for~~

7 ~~resident storage in the second   computer;~~ and

8   wherein the ~~third~~ second executable software means for discovering recipient data

9   operates to retrieve the accessing party ~~data file from the second computer~~

10 identification information.

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12 21. (Currently amended) The system as in claim ~~19~~ 17,

13   further comprising accessing party identifier means ~~resident on the remote user~~

14 ~~computer~~ for obtaining accessing party identification information from the accessing

15 party as a requisite condition for operating ~~the remote user~~ a computer~~, said accessing~~

16 ~~party identifier means subsequently recording the accessing party identity information to~~

17 ~~an accessing party data file for resident storage in the remote user computer~~, and

18   wherein the ~~third~~ second executable software means for discovering recipient data

19   operates to retrieve the accessing party ~~data file from the remote user computer~~

20 identification information.

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22 22. (Currently amended) The system as in claim 19,

23   wherein the ~~third~~ second executable software means for discovering recipient data

24   operates to electronically tap the remote connection between the ~~second~~ recipient

25 computer and the remote user computer[,] for obtaining remote access information

26 associated with the remote connection ~~between the second computer and the remote user~~

27 ~~computer~~.

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23. (Currently amended) The system as in claim 17,

    wherein the second, third, and fourth, and fifth executable software means are

third, fourth, and fifth modules, respectively, of an executable attachment file transmitted and

delivered in conjunction with the e-mail file.

24. (Original) The system as in claim 23,

    wherein the first and second executable software means are first and second

modules, respectively, of the executable attachment file, with said first module

automatically executing upon delivery of the executable attachment file to the

recipient e-mail address.

25. (Currently amended) The system as in clam 17,

    further comprising a sixth fifth executable software means for determining

whether the delivered e-mail file is of at least one designated field-type requiring a

confirmation of   receipt notice, and

    wherein the first executable software means is automatically executed upon a

determination that the delivered e-mail file is of the at least one designated file-type

requiring a confirmation of receipt notice.

Please add the following new claims:

26. (New) The system as in Claim 17, wherein said recipient computer is a server of a service

provider that is capable of receiving e-mail.

27. (New) The system as in Claim 17, wherein said recipient computer is a user system that is

directly accessible by said recipient party, said user system including an electronic mail

processing software and being capable of receiving e-mail.

1 28. (New) The system as in Claim 17, wherein the third executable software means for

2 discovering recipient data operates to electronically tap the remote connection between the

3 computer associated with the sending party and the recipient computer for obtaining remote

4 access information associated with the remote connection.

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6 29. (New) The system as in Claim 19, wherein the third executable software means operates to

7 discover remote access information associated with the remote access of the recipient e-mail

8 address from the remote user computer.

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10 30. (New) The system as in Claim 20, wherein said accessing party identification information is

11 stored in the recipient computer.

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13 31. (New) The system as in Claim 20,

14   wherein said identity information pertains to biometric identification, password

15 identification, a computer generated user code, or a combination thereof.

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17 32. (New) The system as in Claim 21, wherein said accessing party identification information is

18 stored in said computer.

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20 33. (New) The system as in Claim 21,

21   wherein said identity information pertains to biometric identification, password

22 identification, a computer generated user code, or a combination thereof.

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24 34. (New) The system as in Claim 21,

25   wherein said computer is the recipient computer.

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27 35. (New) The system as in Claim 21,

28   wherein said computer is a remote user computer.

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36. (New) The system as in Claim 17, wherein said confirmation of receipt notice is used to verify proper delivery of legal documents.

37. (New) The system as in Claim 17, wherein said confirmation of receipt notice is used to verify proper delivery of confidential documents.

38. (New) The system as in Claim 17, wherein said recipient data comprises, at least in part, identity information associated with said accessing party.

39. (New) The system as in Claim 38, wherein said identity information pertains to biometric identification.

40. (New) The method as in Claim 39 further comprising means for recognizing biometric attributes of an individual.

41. (New) The system as in Claim 17, wherein said recipient data comprises, at least in part, a computer generated user code associated with said accessing party.

42. (New) The method as in Claim 1,

  wherein said recipient computer is a server of a service provider that is capable of receiving e-mail.

43. (New) The method as in Claim 1,

  wherein said recipient computer is a user system that is directly accessible by said accessing party, said user system including an electronic mail processing software and being capable of receiving e-mail.

44. (New) The method as in Claim 3,

    wherein said accessing party identity information is stored in the recipient computer.

45. (New) The method as in Claim 3,

wherein said identity information pertains to biometric identification, password identification, a computer generated user code, or a combination thereof.

46. (New) The method as in Claim 4,

    wherein said accessing party identity information is stored in said computer.

47. (New)   The method as in Claim 4,

wherein said identity information pertains to biometric identification, password identification, a computer generated user code, or a combination thereof.

48. (New) The method as in Claim 4,

    wherein said computer is the recipient computer.

49. (New) The method as in Claim 4,

    wherein said computer is a remote user computer.

50. (New)   The method as in Claim 1, wherein the discovering step includes electronically tapping the remote connection between the computer associated with the sending party and the recipient computer for obtaining remote access information associated with the remote connection.

51. (New) The method as in Claim 1, wherein said confirmation of receipt notice is used to verify proper delivery of legal documents.

1   52. (New) The method as in Claim 1, wherein said confirmation of receipt notice is used to

2   verify proper delivery of confidential documents.

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4   53. (New) The method as in Claim 1, wherein said recipient data comprises, at least in part,

5   identity information associated with said accessing party.

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7   54. (New) The method as in Claim 53, wherein said identity information pertains to biometric

8   identification.

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10 55. (New) The method as in Claim 54 further comprising means for recognizing biometric

11 attributes of an individual.

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13 56. (New) The method as in Claim 1, wherein said recipient data comprises, at least in part, a

14 computer generated user code associated with said accessing party.

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16 57. (New) A method of verifying whether an e-mail sent by a sending party was delivered to the

17 intended recipient, said method comprising:

18   a) acquiring an e-mail for transmission to a target recipient;

19   b) transmitting said e-mail from a sender computer that is connected to the communications

20 network;

21   c) delivering said e-mail to a recipient e-mail address, said recipient e-mail address associated

22 with a recipient computer;

23   d) upon the occurrence of an access event, searching for recipient data from a target location

24 associated with said recipient data, said recipient data associated with the recipient party;

25   e) generating a confirmation of receipt notice wherein the obtained recipient data is included

26 in said confirmation of receipt notice;

27   f) transmitting said confirmation of receipt notice to an e-mail address associated with said

28 sending party, whereinafter, the obtained recipient data on said confirmation of receipt notice can

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1   be compared to delivery data associated with said intended recipient in order to verify if the e-

2   mail was properly delivered.

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4   58. (New) The method as in Claim 57 further including the step of including in said

5   confirmation of receipt notice access event data of attendant conditions of said access event.

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7   59. (New) The method as in Claim 57, wherein said target location is said recipient computer.

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9   60. (New) The method as in Claim 57, wherein said target location is a remote user computer

10   which is remotely connected to the recipient computer and from which the recipient party may

11   gain remote access to the recipient e-mail address.

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13   61. (New) The method as in Claim 57, wherein said target location comprises the remote

14   connection between said recipient computer and a remote user computer, said remote connection

15   being electronically tapped in order obtain said recipient data.

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17   62. (New) The method as in Claim 57, wherein said target location comprises the remote

18   connection between said sender computer and recipient computer, said remote connection being

19   electronically tapped in order obtain said recipient data.

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21   63. (New) The method as in Claim 57, wherein said recipient computer is a server of a service

22   provider that is capable of receiving e-mail.

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24   64. (New) The method as in Claim 57, wherein said recipient computer is a user system that

25   includes an electronic mail processing software and is capable of receiving e-mail.

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27   65. (New) The method as in Claim 57, wherein the searching step includes retrieving a pre-

28   recorded data file containing pre-recorded recipient data.

66. (New) The method as in Claim 57,

further comprising the steps of: obtaining recipient party identity information as a requisite condition for permitting access to the recipient e-mail account or e-mail, said identity information configured to precisely identify said recipient party, and

wherein the step of obtaining recipient data from a target location associated with said recipient data includes retrieving the recipient party identity information.

67. (New) The method as in Claim 66,

wherein said recipient party identity information is

stored in the recipient computer.

68. (New) The method as in Claim 66,

wherein said identity information pertains to biometric identification, password identification, a computer generated user code, or a combination thereof.

69. (New) The method as in Claim 57, further comprising the steps of:

obtaining recipient party identity information as a requisite condition for operating a computer, and

wherein said identity information is configured to precisely identify said recipient party, and the step of obtaining recipient data from a target location associated with said recipient data includes retrieving the recipient party identity information.

70. (New) The method as in Claim 69,

wherein said recipient party identity information is   stored in said computer.

71. (New) The method as in Claim 69,

wherein said identity information pertains to biometric identification, password identification, a computer generated user code, or a combination thereof.

1   72. (New) The method as in Claim 69, wherein said computer is the recipient computer.

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3   73. (New) The method as in Claim 69, wherein said computer is a remote user computer.

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5   74. (New) The method as in Claim 57, wherein said confirmation of receipt notice is used to

6 verify proper delivery of legal documents.

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8   75. (New) The method as in Claim 57, wherein said confirmation of receipt notice is used to

9 verify proper delivery of confidential documents.

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11   76. (New) The method as in Claim 57, wherein said recipient data comprises, at least in part,

12 identity information associated with said recipient party.

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14   77. (New) The method as in Claim 76, wherein said identity information pertains to biometric

15 identification.

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17   78. (New) The method as in Claim 77 further comprising means for recognizing biometric

18 attributes of an individual.

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20   79. (New) The method as in Claim 57, wherein said recipient data comprises, at least in part, a

21 computer generated user code associated with said recipient party.

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23   80. (New) A process for verifying whether e-mail sent by a sending party was delivered to the

24 intended recipient, said process comprising:

25   a) acquiring an e-mail for transmission to a target recipient;

26   b) transmitting said e-mail from a sender computer that is connected to the communications

27 network;

28   c) delivering said e-mail to a recipient e-mail address, said e-mail address associated with a

recipient computer;

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1   d) upon the occurrence of an access event, searching for recipient data that is associated with

2 the recipient party;

3   e) generating a confirmation of receipt notice wherein the discovered recipient data is

4 included in said confirmation of receipt notice;

5   f) transmitting said confirmation of receipt notice to an e-mail address associated with said

6 sending party, whereinafter, the discovered recipient data contained in said confirmation of

7 receipt notice can be compared to delivery data associated with said intended recipient in order to

8 verify if the e-mail was properly delivered.

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10 81. (New) The process of Claim 80, wherein the step of searching for recipient data is

11 conducted by searching said recipient computer.

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13 82. (New) The process of Claim 80, wherein the step of searching for recipient data is

14 conducted by searching a remote user computer which is remotely connected to the recipient

15 computer and from which the recipient party may gain remote access to the recipient e-mail address.

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17 83. (New) The process of Claim 80, wherein the step of searching for recipient data is

18 conducted by electronically tapping the remote connection between said recipient computer and a

19 remote user computer.

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21 84. (New) The process of Claim 80, wherein the step of searching for recipient data is

22 conducted by electronically tapping the remote connection between said sender computer and

23 said recipient computer.

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25 85. (New) The process of Claim 80, wherein said recipient computer is a server of a service

26 provider that is capable of receiving e-mail.

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28 86. (New) The process of Claim 80, wherein said recipient computer is a user system that

includes an electronic mail processing software and is capable of receiving e-mail.

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2 87. (New) The process of Claim 80, wherein the searching step includes retrieving a pre-

3 recorded data file containing pre-recorded recipient data.

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5 88. (New) The process of Claim 80,

6   further comprising the steps of: obtaining recipient party identity information as a

7   requisite condition for permitting access to the recipient e-mail account or e-mail, said

8   identity information configured to precisely identify said recipient party, and

9   wherein the step of searching for recipient data includes retrieving the recipient

10   party identity information.

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12 89. (New) The process of Claim 88,

13   wherein said recipient party identity information is

14   stored in the recipient computer.

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16 90. (New) The process of Claim 88,

17   wherein said identity information pertains to biometric identification, password

18 identification, a computer generated user code, or a combination thereof.

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20 91. (New) The process of Claim 80,

21 further comprising the steps of: obtaining recipient party identity information as a requisite

22 condition for operating a computer, and

23 wherein said identity information is configured to precisely identify said recipient party, and the

24 step of searching for recipient data includes retrieving the recipient party identity information.

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26 92. (New) The process of Claim 91, wherein said recipient party identity information is

27   stored in said computer.

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93. (New) The process of Claim 91, wherein said identity information pertains to biometric identification, password identification, a computer generated user code, or a combination thereof.

94. (New) The process of Claim 91, wherein said computer is the recipient computer.

95. (New) The process of Claim 91, wherein said computer is a remote user computer.

96. (New) The process of Claim 80, wherein said confirmation of receipt notice is used to verify proper delivery of legal documents.

97. (New) The process of Claim 80, wherein said confirmation of receipt notice is used to verify proper delivery of confidential documents.

98. (New) The process of Claim 80, wherein said recipient data comprises, at least in part, identity information associated with said recipient party.

99. (New) The process of Claim 98, wherein said identity information pertains to biometric identification.

100. (New) The process of Claim 99 further comprising means for recognizing biometric attributes of an individual.

101. (New) The process of Claim 80, wherein said recipient data comprises, at least in part, a computer generated user code associated with said recipient party.

102. (New) A system for verifying whether e-mail sent by a sending party was delivered to the intended recipient, said system comprising:

    a) a sender computer connected to the communications network and from which an e-mail is tran

    b) a recipient computer connected to said communications network, said recipient computer

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1 being capable of receiving said transmitted e-mail and further having data storage means for

2 storing said received e-mail;

3   c) software capable of detecting an access event, wherein upon detection of said access

4 event, said software executes the following steps:

5   1) searching for recipient data associated with the recipient party;

6   2) including the discovered recipient data in a confirmation of receipt notice;

7   d) means for transmitting said confirmation of receipt notice to an e-mail address associated

8 with said sending party, whereinafter, the data contained in said confirmation of receipt notice

9 can be compared to delivery data associated with said intended recipient in order to verify if the

10 e-mail was properly delivered.

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12 103. (New) The system as in Claim 102, wherein said recipient computer is a server of a service

13 provider that is capable of receiving e-mail.

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15 104. (New) The system as in Claim 102, wherein said recipient computer is a user system that is

16 directly accessible by said recipient party, said user system including an electronic mail

17 processing software and being capable of receiving e-mail.

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19 105. (New) The system as in Claim 102, further comprising a remote user computer which is

20 remotely connected to the recipient computer.

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22 106. (New) The system as in Claim 102, further comprising a pre-recorded recipient data file

23 containing the recipient data, and wherein the executable software means for searching operates

24 to retrieve the pre-recorded recipient data file.

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26 107. (New) The system as in Claim 102, wherein the executable software means for searching

27 operates to search for remote access information associated with the remote access of the

28 recipient e-mail address from the remote user computer.

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108. (New) The system as in Claim 102, further comprising recipient party identifier means resident on the recipient computer for obtaining recipient party identification information as a requisite condition for permitting access to the recipient e-mail account or e-mail, said identity information configured to precisely identify said recipient party, and

wherein the executable software means for searching for recipient data operates to retrieve the recipient party identification information.

109. (New) The system as in Claim 108, wherein said recipient party identification information is stored in the recipient computer.

110. (New) The system as in Claim 108, wherein said identity information pertains to biometric identification, password identification, a computer generated user code, or a combination thereof.

111. (New) The system as in Claim 102,

further comprising recipient party identifier means for obtaining recipient party identification information as a requisite condition for operating a computer, said identity information configured to precisely identify said recipient party, and

wherein the executable software means for searching for recipient data operates to retrieve the recipient party identification information.

112. (New) The system as in Claim 111 wherein said recipient party identification information is stored in said computer.

113. (New) The system as in Claim 111 wherein said identity information pertains to biometric identification, password identification, a computer generated user code, or a combination thereof.

114. (New) The system as in Claim 111, wherein said computer is the recipient computer.

115. (New) The system as in Claim 111, wherein said computer is a remote user computer.

116. (New) The system as in Claim 102, wherein the executable software means for searching for recipient data operates to electronically tap the remote connection between the recipient computer and the remote user computer for obtaining recipient data associated with the remote conne

117. (New) The system as in Claim 102, wherein the executable software means for searching for recipient data operates to electronically tap the remote connection between the sender computer and recipient computer for obtaining recipient data associated with the remote connection.

118. (New) The system as in Claim 102, wherein said confirmation of receipt notice is used to verify proper delivery of legal documents.

119. (New) The system as in Claim 102, wherein said confirmation of receipt notice is used to verify proper delivery of confidential documents.

120. (New) The system as in Claim 102, wherein said recipient data comprises, at least in part, identity information associated with said recipient party.

121. (New) The system as in Claim 120, wherein said identity information pertains to biometric ider

122. (New) The system as in Claim 121 further comprising means for recognizing biometric attributes of an individual.

123. (New) The system as in Claim 102, wherein said recipient data comprises, at least in part, a computer generated user code associated with said recipient party.

124. (New) A method of verifying whether a legal document sent by a sending party was delivered to the intended recipient, said method comprising:

a) acquiring an e-mail comprising of at least one legal document for transmission to a target recipient;

b) transmitting said e-mail from a sender computer that is connected to the communications network;

c) delivering said e-mail to a recipient e-mail address, said e-mail address associated with a recipient computer;

d) upon the occurrence of an access event, searching for recipient data that is associated with the recipient party;

e) generating a confirmation of receipt notice wherein the discovered recipient data is included in said confirmation of receipt notice;

f) transmitting said confirmation of receipt notice to an e-mail address associated with said sending party, whereinafter, the recipient data contained in said confirmation of receipt notice can be compared to delivery data associated with said intended recipient in order to verify if the e-mail was properly delivered.

125. (New) The method as in Claim 124, wherein said at least one legal document is a complaint.

126. (New) The method as in Claim 124, wherein said at least one legal document is a summons.

127. (New) The method as in Claim 124, wherein said at least one legal document is a jury duty notice.

128. (New) The method as in Claim 124, wherein said at least one legal document is a subpoena.